THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Agenda for Socio-economic Development of North-Eastern States and Sikkim announced by the Prime Minister at Shillong on 22nd January, 2000 covers 28 items. The financial requirements for implementation of these items are met through the support available from various sources such as Plan/ Non-plan provisions of the Union Ministries/Department, North-Eastern Council, financial institutions, Non-lapseable Central Pool of Resources. Details regarding financial allocations etc. are available at website: pmindia.nic.in.

Utilisation of Funds

2739. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for delay in fund utilization and partial non-utilization of funds allocated to each Ministry and the measures adopted to enhance the efficiency of funds utilization; and

(b) the actual budgetary provision made against each Ministry for Plan Development and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, amount actually released and utilized by each Ministry till 31st December as well as 31st March during each of the last three financial years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The actual utilization of plan allocation collectively by all the Central Ministries during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 (Revised Estimates) till 31st March were 92.26%, 92.38% and 101.38% respectively, of the Budgeted Outlay. The actual expenditure till 31st December during these years, as compiled by Controller General of Accounts (Ministry of Finance), was 51.63%, 51.62% and 58.84% respectively of the Budgeted outlay. The utilization of Plan Allocation is linked with the formulation of plan programmes/schemes/projects, investment approval by the competent authority and their actual implementation by the concerned Ministry. Several steps have been taken from time to time to cut down procedural delays in project

appraisal and their final approval by the competent authority. This include, stipulated period for project appraisal and investment approval, delegation of higher financial powers and introduction of a system of quarterly performance review. The year-wise budgetary provision and utilization, including for the Centrally Sponsored Schemes, in respect of Central Ministries is available in Statement-2 of the Expenditure Budget-Vol-I of Union Budget.

Funds to States under PMGY

†2740. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that States have been provided with finance during the first nine months of the year of 2001-02 under the PMGY;

(b) if so, the quantum of amounts released to each State; and

(c) the quantum of amounts allotted for each State during 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes Sir. Additional Central Assistance has been released to all States under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) during 2001-2002.

(b) and (c) The details of the ACA funds allocated and released to the each State are:

Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for PMGY during 2001-2002

(Amount in lakh)

Sl. No.	States	Amount Allocated	Amount Released
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pr.	15911.00	14490.40

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.